

OFFICE OF THE APPELLATE DEFENDER REPORT TO THE MONTANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

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The Appellate Defender Office (ADO) took in 23 new appeals in September. Three cases are being handled by FTE attorneys within the regions, four have been contracted out (dependent/neglect), and the remaining 16 are staying within the office. We are currently awaiting either transcripts or the district court record to be filed before appointment on nine of these cases.

In September 23 briefs were filed: 10 opening briefs, 10 reply briefs and three dependent/neglect briefs.

Briefs filed within ADO by month:

08/2006	5	03/2007	14
09/2006	5	04/2007	18
10/2006	12	05/2007	15
11/2006	15	06/2007	14
12/2006	10	7/2007	18
01/2007	14	8/2007	19
02/2007	12	9/2007	23

Due to the JustWare conversion, we are unable to update the information below, so it is unchanged from last month.

There are 200 appellate cases open within the ADO.

FTE within ADO 136

Regional FTE 22 12 awaiting opinion, 10
pending/briefing

Contract/Conflict 39 25 awaiting opinion, 17 still briefing

Contract/Conflict 3 Post-conviction relief

We've closed 76 cases to date.